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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2007 (Paper No.20070524), applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group I (new claims 25-34). Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that the examiner has not demonstrated the requisite "serious burden" needed to justify a restriction requirement. See MPEP § 803(B) at 800-4. Given that the examiner is likely to conduct searches in related classes, applicants submit that there would be no serious burden to examine the claims of Groups VII and VIII (claims 23-24) that relate to nucleotides encoding the antagonists according to the claims of Group I. Applicants also amend the claims.

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-3840. A first office action on the merits is awaited.